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Supply of electricity to the displaced allottees of Tehri Dam

3570. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Tehri Hydel Development Corporation has not made adequate arrangements for supply of electric power for the displaced allottees of Tehri Dam in the Athurwala, Visthapith Kshetra (opp. Himalayan Institute Jolly Grant) Dehradun;

(b) whether Government are aware that prolonged power cuts are common in Ward No. 1 (branch Road No. 3), Athurwala Visthapith area Dehradun causing tremendous inconvenience to the displaced residents;

(c) whether Government propose to install high power transformers in the above area to provide respite from power crisis in the above area;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The Athurwala Visthapith Kshetra was established in 1979-80 and basic facilities including electric power was provided to the displaced persons of the Tehri Hydro-Electric Project who were settled here.

The activity of electricity supply for the area is the responsibility of the State Power Corporation, which is expected to take necessary measures for smooth and uninterrupted power supply.

Setting up gas based power projects in Assam

3571. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for setting up of gas-based power projects in the State of Assam;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of estimated cost, production capacity and the location of each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal at present under examination in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for setting up of gas based power projects in Assam. However, Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) has invited proposals for setting up Amguri Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Project with installed capacity of 90-100 MW in private sector on the basis of "build-own-operate". In addition to this, the CEA has offered their comments to ASEB regarding their proposal for installation of 1×38 MW Waste Heat Recovery Unit at an estimated cost of Rs. 161 crores to be installed on 3×20 MW Gas Turbine at Lakwa GTPS. ASEB has approached Assam Govt. for necessary financial tie up under non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources for the North-Eastern Region.

Allocation of electricity from the NPG to Assam

3572. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of electricity allocated to Assam from the National Power Grid;
- (b) the total quantum of electricity consumed out of the allocated electricity;
- (c) whether this allocation is adequate to meet the requirements; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Assam has been allocated 349 MW from Central sector stations in this North Eastern Region. Besides this firm allocation, Assam has also been allocated 11.9 MW (10%) out of the unallocated quota of Central sector stations in the North Eastern Region.